

Franklin high-end audio company buys Sherbourn Technologies

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Franklin-based audio company Jade Design Inc. has bought Massachusetts-based Sherbourn Technologies and plans to move its operations to Middle Tennessee. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Sherbourn makes tuners and amplifiers used in custom home theater systems and retail stores. Emotiva Audio Corp., a subsidiary of Jade Design, already had been selling the brand. Production will move to Franklin by Jan. 1, with new products rolling out during 2011.

From a news release:

Jade Design Inc. today announced it has completed the acquisition of Sherbourn Technologies of North Billerica, MA.

In addition to the current product offerings, Sherbourn will introduce several new models over the coming year, including a line of high performance home theatre loudspeakers and subwoofers in both free standing and architectural versions.

"I've been a fan of Sherbourn for as long as I can remember," said Fred Hartman, Director of OEM/ODM Sales, Jade Design, Inc. "Every audio enthusiast knows that the Sherbourn logo is associated with some of the finest gear in the business, so we're thrilled that Jade Designs' engineering support and expertise will now allow Sherbourn to develop products and technologies that service a wider audience than ever before, without changing its well earned reputation for quality, performance and value."

Along with the current product line, two new models will be introduced under the Sherbourn brand. A new HDMI processor and HDMI receiver (both featuring an integrated Control4(TM) controller), originally debuted at the 2010 CEDIA Expo as the inaugural products under the previous Emotiva Professional Systems label. Hartman said that although Jade Design still has plans for a product line under that name, its focus will be on an as-yet-to-be-announced channel.